which are well known. The development programmes for agriculture are intended to remove these weaknesses.

The subsidised supply of inputs continues to be helpful to farmers in adopting improved methods of cultivation.

The price policy followed by the Government provides appropriate support to the development programmes by ensuring remunerative prices to the farmers for their produce, thereby encouraging them to invest in agriculture and improve productivity. The PHD study confirms the relevance of this approach.

Enforcement of New Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1985

361. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments and the Union Territories have yet to implement the new Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Ten States and three Union Territories have implemented the Standards of Weights and Measures (Enforcement) Act, 1985. The remaining States and Union Territories have also initiated action to implement the Act in their respective areas.

Profit earned by Steel Authority of India Limited

362. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India Limited earned a record profit in the year 1988-89;

(b) the steel plants in which modernisation process has taken place; and

(c) what is the total investment made in the said plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) The profit and loss account of Steel Authority of India Limited for the year 1988-89 would be known only after the end of the financial year.

(b) and (c) Modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant, Rourkela Steel Plant, Bokaro Steel Plant and Indian Iron & Steel Co. are envisaged. Preliminary works have begun at Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur (IISCO). However, the total investment on the proposed modernisation plans will be known only after detailed investment proposals and cost estimates are approved.

Slow Pace of Consumer Movement in Delhi

363. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumer movement is in a low key in the union territory of Delhi;

(b) how many cases have been filed under the Consumers Protection Act by the consumers in the specialised courts appointed for that purpose; and

(c) how many of them have been decided, so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, Sir. Consumer movement in Delhi has gained momentum.

(b) and (c) As per information given by Delhi Administration, 360 complaints have been filed by the

consumers in the District Redressal Forum of Delhi out of which 143 cases have been decided.

Wastage of Foodgrains Potential

364. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' of the 21st January, 1989 under the caption 'Foodgrains potential goes waste' highlighting the features of timely application of fertilizers creating good irrigation potential for higher production in the agriculture sector; and

(b) if so, whether target of 172 million tonnes of foodgrains production for the year 1988-89 is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target of production of foodgrains for the year 1988-89 is 166.57 million tonnes which is likely not only to be achieved but exceeded.

Effect of Doordarshan Advertisements on Consumer Goods

365. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether it is a fact that certain type of advertisements on Doordarshan tend to project magical and even false effects of some consumer goods on the health and beauty of viewers, and if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): No, Sir. Such advertisements are not accepted for telecast on Doordarshan.

Transfer of Scarce Newsprint by Indian Express Groups of Newspaper

366. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action has been taken by Government regarding the unauthorised transfer of scarce newsprint by one publication to another of M/s Indian Express Group of Newspaper; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken against them and if not, the reasons for which M/s Indian Express is favoured by taking no action so far?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Instances of transfer of newsprint by one publication of M/s Indian Express Group of Newspapers to another have come to the notice of the Government. Appropriate action as per rules is being examined.

Foodgrains Production Potential

367. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains production in the current financial year is actually far below the potential already created in the country; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken by Government to achieve optimum level of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE